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RT500D

Mono Block Class D Power Amplifier

500W RMS

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Owner's Manual - RT500D

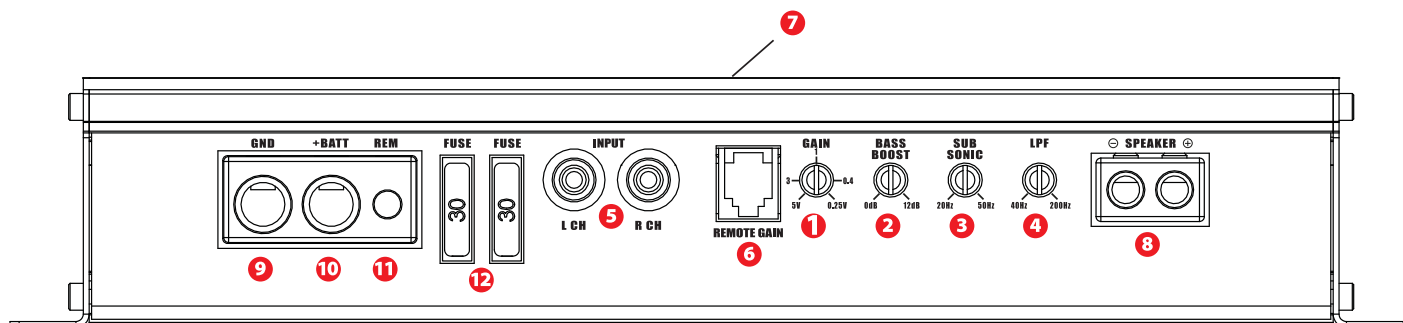
Introduction

Thank you for purchasing an MTX Audio Hi-Performance amplifier. Proper installation matched with MTX speakers and subwoofers provide superior sound and performance for endless hours of enjoyment whether you are waking the neighbors or just out enjoying your tunes. Congratulations and enjoy the ultimate audio experience with MTX!

Specifications

- 1-Channel Mono Block Class-D Power Amplifier
- CEA2006 certified Power Output:
 - 500 watts RMS x 1-channel at 2Ω and THD+N $\leq 1\%$
 - 250 watts RMS x 1-channel at 4Ω and THD+N $\leq 1\%$
- Crossover:
 - Low pass 12dB/oct variable from 40Hz to 200Hz
- Signal-to-Noise Ratio (1 watt): $> 75\text{dB}$
- THD+Noise (Distortion) (1 watt): $\leq 1\%$
- Frequency Response ($\pm 1\text{dB}$): 20Hz-200Hz
- Maximum Input Signal: 5V
- Maximum Sensitivity: 250mV
- Dimensions: $11\frac{3}{8}" \times 7\frac{5}{8}" \times 2\frac{1}{2}"$
- High level inputs
- EBC (External Bass Control) remote included

Control Panel





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- 1** Gain Control - The gain control matches the input sensitivity of the amplifier to the source unit being used. The operating range varies from 250mv to 5V.
Adjusting the gain
 1. Turn the gain control on the amplifier all the way down (counter clockwise).
 2. Turn up the volume control on the source unit to approximately 3/4 of maximum.
 3. Adjust the gain control on the amplifier until audible distortion occurs.
 4. Adjust the gain control down until audible distortion disappears.
 5. The amplifier is now calibrated to the output of the source unit.
- 2** Bass Boost Control:
Allows user to adjust the bass boost between 0dB - 12dB at 40Hz.
- 3** Subsonic Filter Control:
Used to select the desired subsonic filter frequency. The frequency is adjustable from 30Hz to 50Hz.
- 4** Low Pass X-Over Frequency Control :
Used to select the desired low-pass (LP) x-over frequency. The frequency is adjustable from 40Hz to 200Hz..
- 5** RCA Inputs - These RCA inputs are used with source units that have either RCA/Line level or speaker level outputs. (Source units need a minimum level of 250mV output for proper operation of the amplifier).
MTX recommends only high quality twisted pair cables (such as StreetWires) to decrease the possibility of radiated noise entering the system.
- 6** EBC Port (External Bass Control) - The Remote Subwoofer Level Control (EBC) plugs directly into this port, while the EBC itself can be placed anywhere in the vehicle for on demand bass adjustments. EBC is included.
- 7** Power On/Protection LED - The LED illuminates red when the amp is switched on. When the amps is in short circuit or thermal protection, the LED illuminates orange. You need to switch the amp Off and On to restart.
- 8** Speaker Terminals - Connect speakers to these terminals. Observe speaker polarity throughout the system. Improper phase can result in loss of bass response and/or poor overall sound quality.
Ground Terminal – A proper ground is required for your amplifier to operate at peak performance. A short ground cable the same diameter as the power cable should be used to attach the ground terminal directly to the chassis of the vehicle. Always remove paint, dirt or debris to expose bare metal where the ground will be attached.
- 10** (+12V) Power Terminal - This is the main power input for the amplifier and must be connected directly to the positive terminal of the vehicles battery for proper operation. Use caution when installing (+12) power cable in the vehicle. Avoid running this cable parallel with RCA cables, antennas, or other sensitive equipment due to massive currents that can induce noise into the audio system. It is also very important to have a tight, secure connection for maximum performance. MTX recommends using 4AWG power wire with the MTX RT500D amplifier
- 11** Remote Terminal – The amplifier is turned on by applying 12 volts to this terminal. Typically this voltage is supplied by a wire from the source unit marked “remote” or “power antenna”.
- 12** Fuses - When fuses blow, replace them with the same value. Never use a higher rated fuse !



Installation & Mounting

MTX recommends your new RoadTHUNDER amplifier be installed by an Authorized MTX retailer. Any deviation from specified installation instructions can cause serious damage to the amplifier, speakers and/or vehicles electrical system. Damage caused from improper installation is NOT covered under warranty. Please verify all connections prior to system turn on !

1. Disconnect the vehicle's negative battery cable.
2. Determine the mounting place for your MTX amplifier. Keep in mind there should be sufficient air flow for proper cooling. Mark the mounting holes from the amplifier to be drilled. Before drilling make sure all vehicle wires, gas lines, brake lines and gas tank are clear and will not interfere with installation. Drill the desired holes and mount the MTX amplifier.
3. Install a positive (+) power cable from the vehicle's battery through the firewall using a grommet or firewall bushing to avoid cable damage from sharp edges of the firewall. Run the cable through the interior of the vehicle and connect it to the amplifier's (+12V) terminal. Do Not connect to the battery at this time.
Note : Use only proper gauge wire for both positive and negative connections.
4. Install a circuit breaker or fuse within 20cm of the battery. This effectively lowers the risk of severe damage to you or your vehicle in case of a short circuit or accident. Make sure the circuitbreaker is switched off or the fuse is taken out of the fuse holder untill all connections are made. Now connect your positive power cable to the positive battery terminal of the battery.
5. Grounding - Locate a proper ground point on the vehicle's chassis and remove all paint, dirt or debris to reveal a bare metal surface. Attach the ground wire to that contact point. Connect the opposite end of the ground wire to the (GND) terminal on the MTX amplifier.
6. Connect a Remote Turn-on wire from the source unit to the MTX amplifier's (REM) terminal. If the source unit does not have a dedicated Remote Turn-on lead, you may connect to the source unit's Power Antenna lead.
7. Connecting signal cables to the amplifier : There are two ways to supply the signal to your MTX amp.
 - To get maximum performance, we suggest connecting a high quality RCA to the corresponding outputs at the source unit and inputs of the amplifier.
 - If a source unit is being used without RCA outputs connect using the included high-level speaker terminals and the proper gauge speaker wire.
8. Connect your speakers to your MTX amplifier's speaker terminals using the right gauge speaker wire. Your MTX amp can drive a 2 ohm minimum load for max power.
9. Double check all previous installation steps, in particular, wiring and component connections. Once verified, reconnect the vehicle's negative battery cable, turn the circuit breaker on or place the fuse in the fuse holder.

Note : Gain Levels on the amplifier should be turned all the way down (counter clockwise) before proceeding with adjustments.



Troubleshooting

Problem	Cause	Solution
No LED indication	No +12V at remote connection No +12V at Power connection Insufficient ground connection Blown power fuse	Supply +12V to terminal Supply +12V to terminal Verify ground connection Replace fuse
Power LED on, no output	Volume on source unit off Speaker connections not made Gain control on amplifier off Signal processing units off All speakers blown	Increase volume on source unit Make speaker connections Turn up gain Apply power to signal processor Replace speakers
Output distorted	Head unit volume set too high Amplifier gain set too high	Lower head unit volume Lower amplifier gain
Balance reversed	Speakers wired L + R reversed RCA inputs reversed	Wire speakers with correct orientation Reverse RCA input
Bass is weak	Speakers wired out of phase Not using MTX woofers	Wire speakers with correct phase Buy MTX woofers
Blowing fuses	Excessive output levels Amplifier defective	Lower the volume Return for service



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